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Reference DE 25 06 140 A1 is not in the English language and no English language abstract is available.

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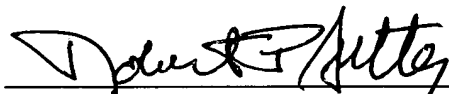
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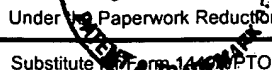
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